

Application No. 08/939,050

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 7 as follows.

Please cancel claims 2 and 6, without conceiving the associated rejections and without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications containing the claimed subject matter.

1. (Currently amended): An input device for an aircraft computer system comprising:
 - a) a cursor control console including,
 - 1) a wrist rest portion;
 - b) a cursor control device mounted on said console forward of said wrist rest portion and within finger reach of said wrist rest, said device generating cursor control signals representative of said device; and,
 - c) a rotary knob mounted on said console and within finger reach of said wrist rest, said knob generating rotary signals indicative of rotation of said knob, wherein said rotary knob includes a coarse knob generating coarse rotary signals indicative of rotation of said coarse rotary knob, and, a fine knob generating fine rotary signals indicative of rotating of said fine rotary knob, wherein said rotation of said knob corresponds to a user-specified desired alphanumeric value.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously amended): The input device according to claim 1 wherein said rotary knob extends axially from said console.
4. (Original): The input device according to claim 1 wherein said cursor control device is a joystick.
5. (Currently amended): An input device for a vehicle computer system comprising:
 - a) a cursor control console including,
 - 1) wrist rest means for supporting the wrist/hand of an operator;
 - b) cursor control means, mounted on said console within finger reach of said rest means, for generating cursor control signals indicative of X-Y actuations of said cursor control means; and,

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c) rotary input means mounted on said console and within finger reach of said rest means, said knob generating rotary signals indicative of rotation of said rotary input means, wherein said rotary input means includes a coarse knob generating coarse rotary signals indicative of rotation of said coarse rotary knob, and, a fine knob generating fine rotary signals indicative of rotation of said fine rotary knob, wherein said rotation of said knob corresponds to a user-specified desired alphanumeric value.

6. (Cancelled):

7. (Currently Amended): A method of inputting data to a vehicle computer system having a display device and cursor, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a control console in communication with said computer system, said console having:
 - 1) a housing including a wrist rest portion;
 - 2) a cursor control device mounted on said housing within finger reach of said wrist rest portion, said device generating cursor control signals representative of actuation of said device; and,
 - 3) a rotary knob mounted on said housing within finger reach of said wrist rest portion, said knob generating rotary signals indicative of rotation of said knob, wherein said rotary knob includes, a coarse knob generating coarse rotary signals indicative of rotation of said coarse rotary knob, and, a fine knob generating fine rotary signals indicative of rotation of said fine rotary knob;
- b) manipulating said cursor control device to select a desired parameter; and
- c) rotating said rotary knob to select a desired value for said parameter, wherein said desired value comprises a user-specified desired alphanumeric value.

8. (Previously added): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

- a) a select button mounted on said console, said select button generating signals indicative of an activation of the select button.

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9. (Previously added): The method of claim 7 wherein said control console further comprises:

a) a select button mounted on said console, said select button generating signals indicative of an activation of the select button.

10. (Previously added): The method of claim 9 further comprising:

a) depressing said select button to indicate an acceptance of said selected desired value.